



Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group
Division of Integrated Health Systems

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Mr. Michael Deily
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Division of Health Care Financing
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Dear Mr. Deily:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Utah's request, to renew and expand its Medicaid Prepaid Mental Health Plan (PMHP) for a period of 2 years beginning December 27, 2001, through December 26, 2003.

Our decision is based on the evidence submitted to CMS demonstrating that the State's proposal is consistent with the purposes of the Medicaid program and will meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for assuring beneficiaries' access to care, quality of services and waiver cost-effectiveness for §1915(b) programs. This approval provides for a waiver of sections 1915 (b) (1); 1915 (b)(4); 1902(a)(1); and 1902 (a)(23) of the Social Security Act (the Act) regarding Statewide, and Freedom of Choice of Providers.

Please note that our approval is contingent upon the factors listed below:

Monitoring

1. The State will submit to CMS the State's onsite review of PMHP's reports within 30 days of reports being final.
2. The State will review and track both written and verbal complaints, and grievances involving children and adults in the waiver. On a quarterly basis, the State will report to CMS the number of children and adults accessing services, and the number of complaints and grievances with their disposition.
3. The State will provide the Denver Regional Office with timelines and topics for the quality studies to be conducted by April 1, 2002. The State will also submit the subsequent findings.

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Utah may request that this authority be renewed for another two years no later than September 26, 2003. We wish you continued success in the operation of your Medicaid program. If you have any questions please contact Jody Kurtenbach at (303) 844-7039 in our Denver Regional Office or Tammi Levy-Cantor at (410) 786-2804 on my staff in Central Office.

Sincerely,

/s/

Theresa A. Pratt
Director
Division of Integrated Health Systems

cc:
Alex Trujillo, RA Denver Regional Office